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WIA GUIDANCE LETTER #11-02

SUBJECT: Reciprocal Agreement between Arizona and New Mexico - Statewide Eligible Training Provider Lists

REFERENCE: P.L. 105-220 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, §122(e)(5) and §134(d)(4); 20 CFR Part 652 et al. §663.585 of WIA Final Rules dated August 11, 2000

BACKGROUND: Under WIA, one of the ways states are permitted to broaden training options for eligible adults and dislocated workers is through state-to-state reciprocal agreements. These agreements permit training providers of each state to accept the Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) of the other state, thus providing WIA participants training choices that include each state's list of eligible training providers and programs. Arizona has recently completed the second such agreement with the State of New Mexico. The first agreement was completed with Utah in June 2002.

The Arizona/New Mexico Reciprocal Agreement permits qualifying New Mexico participants to use their ITAs to enroll in programs of training identified on Arizona's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). Likewise, Arizona has agreed to permit its qualifying participants to enroll into training identified on New Mexico's ETPL. Terms of the agreement are subject to all eligibility requirements related to training services under WIA, as well as Arizona's and New Mexico's ETPL policies, and the policies of the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIAs) in each state. Therefore, each state acknowledges the authority of the other in terms of arranging out-of-state ITAs.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Arizona/New Mexico Reciprocal Agreement. New Mexico's ETPL is accessible on the Internet at <http://www.state.nm.us/cgi-bin/dol/wiaquery1.cgi>, and will also be included as a link on Arizona's ETPL web site at <http://www.ade.az.gov/arizonaHEAT>.

ACTION REQUIRED: We strongly encourage the state's LWIAs to utilize New Mexico's ETPL when appropriate, and coordinate training referrals with New Mexico's One-Stop staff, to ensure that each eligible WIA participant receives training which meets his/her needs and the needs of the LWIA. Please distribute this information to all staff responsible for activities related to the state's ETPL.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Pat Gregan, Planning and Program Development Manager, at (602) 542-2490.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure (1)

**Reciprocal Agreement Between New Mexico and Arizona to Increase Customer
Access to Training Offered by WIA Eligible Training Providers**

The State of New Mexico and Arizona enter into this reciprocal agreement to broaden the choice of training options and training localities available to eligible adults and dislocated workers who qualify for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I-B Individual Training Account's (ITA's).

WIA Section 122(e)(5) encourages states to enter into reciprocal agreements to permit eligible providers of training services in a state to accept ITA's provided in another state.

Agreement

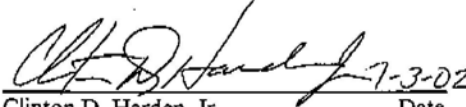
New Mexico and Arizona each agree to maintain a publicly accessible statewide WIA Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL).

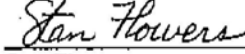
To increase customer choice, the State of New Mexico agrees to permit qualifying New Mexico residents to use their ITA's to enroll in a program of training identified on the State of Arizona's ETPL. Final approval for using a New Mexico funded ITA at an Arizona school rests with New Mexico's One-Stop operators. In arranging out-of-state ITA vouchers, the New Mexico One-Stop Career Centers must follow the requirements of WIA Section 134(d)(4), New Mexico WIA policies, and local area Workforce Investment Board ITA policies. The area policies may affect the terms of an individual training plan and individual financial feasibility plan, and may be more restrictive concerning out-of-state ITA's.

To increase customer choice, Arizona similarly agrees to permit qualifying Arizona residents to use ITA's to enroll in a program of training identified on the State of New Mexico's ETPL. Final approval for using an Arizona funded ITA at a New Mexico school rests with Arizona's WIA program operators. In arranging out-of-state ITA vouchers, the Arizona WIA program operators must follow the requirements of WIA Section 134(d)(4), Arizona WIA policies, and Local Workforce Investment Board ITA policies. The local Policies may affect the terms of an individual training plan and individual financial feasibility plan, and may be more restrictive concerning out-of-state ITA's.

The reciprocal agreement between the States of New Mexico and Arizona shall be in effect from the date the signatory process is complete and until modified or rescinded.

This agreement may be rescinded when (1) either party provides 30-day written notification to the other of its intent to rescind the agreement, or (2) both parties agree in writing to rescind the agreement by a mutually agreed upon date.


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